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1. The Yunnan Military District Command has trained 7,000 troops of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) who were sent to China in late December 1950 at K'aiyuan (103-14, 23-42), Mengtzu (103-23, 23-22), and P'ingp'ien (103-40, 22-54).¹ The Chinese Communists have issued them equipment and formed them into three infantry battalions, one infantry artillery battalion (sic), one artillery company, and one communications platoon. The units will return to Vietnam in mid-June.
2. On 5 June over 12 cases of shells and 2,000 cases of 7.9 mm rifle ammunition arrived at the Nanning Railway Station. Each case was marked "manufactured by the Mukden Arsenal." The cases were unloaded from the train into military trucks and taken to a joint Sino-Soviet-DRV supply warehouse at P'ingnanerhts'un (平南二村).
3. In early June the Chinese Communists requisitioned ten commercial trucks to transport 200 tons of foodstuffs from Nanning to Vietnam. The food was provided by the Kwangsi Military District Command to meet a shortage suffered by DRV troops in northern Vietnam. CH'EN Ching-chi (陳青吉),² an official of the DRV Agriculture Ministry in charge of supplying food for the army, accompanied the shipment.

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1. [] Comment. These Viet Minh troops are possibly those under Chu
Van Tan.

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2. Comment. The Vietnamese rendition is Tran Thanh Cat.

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